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Amount of account for similar fees and charges from 6 Oct. to 29th Dec. 1889. 451.14  
Total. 941.15  
Add: Received by cheques, \$600; amount received for purchase of fittings, \$360; amount due to Hotel, \$110.15. 990.16  
Less: Rent of office as above. 109.00  
Total. 881.16

The chief items in the first account are: 2 journeys to Canton with Directors, \$112; 2 journeys to Hong Kong with Directors, \$112; Fees in connection with alterations to the Concordia Hall, \$120. With respect to this account the plaintiff contends that it has been accepted by the defendant Company, whilst the Company states that it had never been accepted, and if accepted, it was as in full satisfaction for all services rendered and to be rendered up to the opening of the Hotel. The evidence on this disputed point is as follows:—The plaintiff on the signing of the contract for the alterations to the Concordia Hall sent the following letter to Mr. Hancock, the Secretary of the Company:—“27th Sept., 1889.—As it is customary to make out architect's charges to date of signing contract, I have now the pleasure of enclosing herewith a bill for the alterations to the Concordia Hall, amounting to \$120. This account is sent in with this letter amounting to \$950; \$910 having been charged for plans for the Hotel on Ico House Lot. Against this item Mr. Hancock had placed an asterisk, and at the bottom of the schedule charge I am entitled to make out. I propose to reduce the same by \$100, making the total charges \$850. This account was duly submitted to the Board of Directors. Mr. Fraser Smith says that this account was not accepted by the Board of Directors, and thrown out by the Board. They objected to the item of \$310 for work not done. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Pittman came to his office one afternoon and after some conversation about Mr. Hancock's right to make this charge, he, Mr. Fraser Smith said he thought Mr. Hancock had taken a great deal of trouble in the matter and that if Mr. Hancock would reduce that item to \$100 he was prepared to recommend to the Board to pay that, provided, as Mr. Fraser Smith said, this payment of \$400 should cover all the charges in connection with the Hotel up to its opening, that he was ready to recommend this to the Board, that the \$100 was not in substitution of the \$310, but in addition to it. Mr. Hancock said he did not wish to pay Mr. Fraser Smith's charges, and get rid of all his charges. Mr. Fraser Smith said he never made any recommendation to the Board. Mr. Roddy says that the Directors objected to the whole of the bill of \$950. Mr. Barretto, who was Secretary of the Company, says that the Directors strongly objected to the account of \$950. Mr. Hancock said that after he had sent in his account he had an interview with Mr. Fraser Smith, who asked that the item of \$310 be reduced to \$100, and that Mr. Hancock had not been done as he was doing other work for the Board. Mr. Fraser Smith told him that the Directors had approved of the account subject to the reduction being mentioned. No other items in this account were mentioned. Mr. Hancock, on being recalled, said that there was no condition attached to his acceptance of \$400, that he would not have accepted this amount in payment of all his fees because in that account he had charged only \$400 for the alterations to the Concordia Hall. It will be seen that Mr. Hancock's account of that interview differs entirely from Mr. Fraser Smith's. From the letters which passed subsequently and to which I allude further on, and from other circumstances connected with the case, I am inclined to believe that Mr. Hancock's version is the correct one, the more so as Mr. Smith's recollection of what took place in reference to the alterations to the Concordia Hall is charged is evidently at fault. Mr. Smith in his evidence says that he was not satisfied with the site in connection with the Ico House site. He was not asked to prepare any plan because as soon as he saw the place he said it would not do for the purpose. Mr. Fraser Smith's attention was subsequently called to the letter of Mr. Hancock, mentioning the plan as having been sent in, and also the minute of the meeting of the Board of Directors dated the 10th August 1889, in which Mr. Hancock was asked to prepare preliminary plans for the Hotel to be built on the Ico House site, and accordingly to be submitted with all possible despatch. Mr. Fraser Smith also objected to the charge for the plans for the annex. He said: “I have not seen any plans for the annex, and I have not seen any letter of the 12th November 1889 in which he sends herewith plan and tender for the annex and servants quarters, and the reception of this letter and of the tender is mentioned in the minute of the meeting of the directors of the 10th November 1889. Mr. Fraser Smith being present at that meeting. Mr. Roddy one of the Directors, says that preliminary plans were asked for building on the Ico House plot. Such is the contradictory parole evidence respecting the acceptance of this first account. I will now consider the other account. As we have seen already Mr. Hancock sent in his account on the 27th September 1889; on the 16th October the Secretary wrote as follows: “Dear Sir,—As the Directors require a little more time to consider the different items in your account, I am directed to inform you that should you require any payment on account of the same they will be only too pleased to send you a cheque. Regarding the fittings required as per your letter of the 15th inst. if you are of opinion that it is possible, the articles should be obtained here.” The interview with Mr. Fraser Smith took place on the 15th November, and on the day after Mr. Hancock sent the following letter to Mr. Hancock:—“Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure to inform you that the Board of Directors have accepted your account for the alterations to the Concordia Hall, amounting to \$120, and the amount due to the Hotel, \$110.15, and have directed me to pay you the same by cheque. 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member last and since then there have been some further charges. Across this letter is written by Mr. Hancock:—“Paid \$200 to Mr. Hancock on 11th Sept. 1889.”—and on the account forwarded by letter of the 16th November 1889, and amounting to \$190 is written:—“Paid cheque 31/1/89, \$100; paid cheque 11/3/90, \$100; paid cheque 27/5/90, 200.” This shows that Mr. Hancock was not in receipt of account, but for an item from column. Nothing further was done in respect of this account until the 21st Oct., 1890, when Mr. Hancock sent the following letter to Mr. Hancock:—“Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure to inform you that the Board of Directors have accepted your account for the alterations to the Concordia Hall, amounting to \$120, and the amount due to the Hotel, \$110.15, and have directed me to pay you the same by cheque. I have the pleasure to inform you that the Board of Directors have accepted your account for the alterations to the Concordia Hall, amounting to \$120, and the amount due to the Hotel, \$110.15, and have directed me to pay you the same by cheque.”

acancy and conflicting, as will appear from the following extracts. Mr. Hancock says:—“I have the pleasure to inform you that the Board of Directors have accepted your account for the alterations to the Concordia Hall, amounting to \$120, and the amount due to the Hotel, \$110.15, and have directed me to pay you the same by cheque. I have the pleasure to inform you that the Board of Directors have accepted your account for the alterations to the Concordia Hall, amounting to \$120, and the amount due to the Hotel, \$110.15, and have directed me to pay you the same by cheque.”

nothing was due on the second account because \$190 was to cover the charges. The first account was not accepted. The plaintiff has succeeded in all the important issues with the exception of the charges for visits to Canton. On this issue I think the defendant company entitled to costs. With this exception Hancock will be entitled for the plaintiff Hancock for \$30.15 in costs.

Mr. Hancock, with reference to the question of costs, pointed out that on 5th May he wrote to the defendant company's solicitors at 22nd, Broad Street, London, W., enclosing a copy of the first account, and asking them to make a compromise, the terms of which were that the two suits should be withdrawn, parties paying their own costs. Mr. Robinson said that offer was made without prejudice. Mr. Hancock said that he had written without prejudice could not be used against the person who wrote it, it could be used in his favour with respect to a question of costs; and as his solicitor had found there was a small balance in his favour, he would not be called upon to pay any costs at all.

Mr. Robinson said costs had been given against Mr. Hancock on a special issue in regard to which the other side had called for production of the letter. The Lordship reserved the question.

**THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.**  
DEBATE IN THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.  
In the House of Commons on the 27th April, in the course of the discussion on the Motion for the appointment of the Committee to the fact that his right hon. friend the Chancellor of the Exchequer had proposed, and he thought unjustly proposed, to throw a very heavy burden upon the Colonies, the following speech was made by Mr. Hancock:—“I have the pleasure to inform you that the Board of Directors have accepted your account for the alterations to the Concordia Hall, amounting to \$120, and the amount due to the Hotel, \$110.15, and have directed me to pay you the same by cheque. I have the pleasure to inform you that the Board of Directors have accepted your account for the alterations to the Concordia Hall, amounting to \$120, and the amount due to the Hotel, \$110.15, and have directed me to pay you the same by cheque.”

**THE CHINA MAIL.**  
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### Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

<p><b>Section.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.</li> <li>2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.</li> <li>3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.</li> <li>4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.</li> <li>5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Police's Ward.</li> <li>6. From Police's Ward to North Point.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Section.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.</li> <li>8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.</li> <li>9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.</li> <li>10. Kowloon Wharves.</li> <li>11. Jardine's Wharf.</li> </ol>
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essel's Name.	Rank or Grade.	Captain.	Flag and Regt.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Commissaries or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamer								

Adelphi	4	c	Cass	Brit.	str.	1576	June	J. Jardine, Matheson & Co	Nagasaki	
Aragao	5	S	Solek	Japan.	str.	1580	June	1 Mitsui Bishi	Bombay, &c.	6th inst.
Bagnio	5	c	Orange	Italian	str.	1498	May	27 Carlotta & Co.	San Francisco	11th inst.
China	5	S	St. Mary	Brit.	str.	1575	May	10 M. S. C. N.		
Chydara	3	h	Lynne	Brit.	str.	1574	May	17 Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Caldoulen	5	c	Flandin	Fch.	str.	2173	June	3 Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	To-morrow
Empress of India	5	c	Marshall	Brit.	str.	2003	May	28 Dodwell, Carill & Co.	Vancouver (B.C.)	
Ruauan	3	h	Cross	Chi.	str.	1504	June	10 C. M. S. N. C.	Shanghai	To-morrow
General Werdler	10	h	Blanke	Ger.	str.	1820	June	2 Malchers & Co.	Yokohama	
Glenavon	5	c	Jacobs	Brit.	str.	1911	June	1 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Hongkong	5	c	Bonsquet	Fch.	str.	1174	June	3 Messageries Maritimes	Hankow	
Hongkong	5	c	Bonsquet	Fch.	str.	1174	June	3 Messageries Maritimes	Hankow	
Holstein	4	c	Reuch	Ger.	str.	1183	June	10 Messageries Maritimes	Swatow	6th inst.
	4	c	Reuch	Ger.	str.	1183	June	10 Messageries Maritimes	Swatow	6th inst.

Lancelotti	2	b	Thomson	Brit.	str.	1684	May	30	Chinese	Saigon	
Lycoomou	3	b	Heidermann	Ger.	str.	1238	June	2	Simsen & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Macduff	3	c	Porter	Brit.	str.	1688	May	31	Chinese		
Marin	3	b	Handwachs	Ger.	str.	704	May	27	Wieg & Co.		
Max	3	c	Ahorntiel	Ger.	str.	1688	June	1	Wielor & Co.		
Nam-yong	2	b	Smith	Brit.	str.	943	June	1	Chinese		
Nam-shan	3	b	Blackburne	Ger.	str.	939	May	30	Hop King Hong		
Occidental	5	c	Boichhorn	Norw.	str.	1860	May	24	Orlov		
Panama	1	c	Watson	Ger.	str.	1021	May	1	Yuen Fat Hong		
Pearl Fish	1	c	Samard	Brit.	str.	1801			J. K. & W. Ark Co.		
Pollux	3	c	Helmens	Ger.	str.	883	June	2	Melchers & Co.	Saigon	
Smith	3	c	Leffler	Chl.	str.	763	June	3	Thuck Yau & Co.	Amoy and Tamsui	

Snow	5	Blüme	Ger.	str.	630	June	3	Malcher & Co.	Newchwang	To-morrow
Tonkou	5	Warwick	Chi.	str.	934	June	3	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Triumph	3	Bruch	Ger.	str.	674	June	1	Edward Schellhas & Co.	Hiohwa	To-morrow
Velox	8	Johannsen	Ger.	str.	636	June	3	Butterfield & Swire		
Wakata	8	Ott	Ger.	str.	1011	May	28	Ward & Co.		
Wiking	5	Freeman	Brit.	str.	886	June	3	Adair, Matheson & Co.	Amoy & Manila	To-morrow
Zafir	5	Cobbin	Brit.	str.	75	June	3	Russell & Co.	Amoy & Manila	To-morrow
Zanzibar	5	McFee	Brit.	str.	1019	June	3	Russell & Co.		

Sailing Vessels									
Adolph Obrig	8	c	Cartleton	Amer.	tgo.	1876	Mar.	6	Router, Bröckelmann & Co.
Angela	4	c	Karsen	Brit.	bgo.	448	April	7	Wielser & Co.
Augusta	6	c	Jesson	Ger.	bgo.	473	May	26	Wielser & Co.
Austria	6	c	Dakin	Brit.	bgo.	1105	April	30	Order
Cambsavon	6	c	Carland	Brit.	sh.	1107	May	19	Russell & Co.
Calcutta	5	c	Larsen	Ger.	sh.	1408	April	21	Wielser & Co.
Don Justo	5	c	Nichson	Amer.	bgo.	700	April	21	Captain

Hydra	3	c	Christenson	Dan.	bq.	755	April	27	Gatowits & Co.
Isaac Reed	8	c	Walde	Amer.	sb.	1469	May	26	Russell & Co.
John Bazley	5	c	Shepherd	Amer.	sch.	700	May	28	Ordre
McJannet	5	c	Cokes	Amer.	sb.	1235	May	28	Ordre
Onesaga	4	c	Brown	Brit.	bq.	381	May	29	Ordre
Sara Mercad	4	c	Muniz	Peruv.	bq.	246	July	4	Muster
St. James	5	c	Burnham	Amer.	bq.	1487	April	2	Russell & Co.

Velocity .....	5	o	Martin .....	Brit. bqs	491	May 28	Chinese			
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Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.						
Name.	Rig.	Tonn.	Grade.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.

Alacrity	despatch-russet	1700	4	3180	Com. Chas. H. Adair	Swatow
Archo	cruiser	1770	—	—	Commander Ferris	Hongkong
Caroline	cruiser	1400	14	1440	Captain Claflerbusk	Singapore
Egoria	surveying ship	740	—	—	Commander A. M. Field	Borneo
Isak	g.-b., dr. and av. ext. duine	353	3	340		In reserve

Ricebran 1	gun-brst 2nd class	456	1	460	Lieut. Com. Denison	Hongkong
Ricebran 2	crusier	1420	8	1130	Captain Robt. W. Craigie	Hongkong
Impudicus	twin-screw battle ship	8400	10	10000	Captain Edward S. Poe	Shanghai
Isander	crusier	4330	10	4800	Captain George Watson	Shanghai
Isander	gun-brst 2nd class	774	5	1050	Commander V. Tiedal	Shanghai
Nereary	crusier	3730	13	7200	Capt. Chas. J. Balfor	Shanghai
Peacock	gunboat 1st class	700	6	1200	Lieut. Commander Ingram	Hongkong

Pigmy	gunboat 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut.-Comm. Hewett	Hongkong
Plover	gunboat 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut.-Comm. G. E. Rason	Singapore
Porpoise	steel torpedo cruiser	1777	3600		Commander F. W. White	Hongkong
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	715	6	1200	Lieut.-Comm. J. G. Hong	Sankian
Redoubt	gunboat 1st class	805	6	1200	Lieut.-Comm. G. Wm. Fremont	Singapore
Savon	cruiser	4050	12	6000	Captain Hal	Singapore
Soloist	torpedo mining gun	150	—	—		Hongkong

Swift	gun-boat	2nd class	756	6	1010	Commander Robt. D. B. Bruce	Hongkong
Tweed	g.b. 3rd class coast defence		383	3	340		In reserve
Violator E.M.S. 114	rescueing ship		5157	14	—	Commodore E. J. Church	Hongkong
Wiven	coast defence ship, armoured		2769	4	1450		Hongkong

Torped Boats in Reserve Nos. 8, 21, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first class; and 3 second class boats.

General List of the Fleet of the Royal Hong Kong and China Station, 1879. *See* Appendix, p. 259. H.M.S. "Gallant" and "Gallant" are the names of the two boats.

† Expanded shortly from Cap. of Good Hope, armed, Steel for. Cruiser, 1,770 tons, 6 guns, 3,500 H.P., Comd. John Ferris  
Relief for Wanderer.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Flag and Rig.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Guns.</i>	<i>H. P.</i>	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Where at.</i>
Admiral Nahtimoff	Russian armored cruiser	8000	22	8000	Captain Fedotoff	Foochow

Alexandre	Russian gunboat	800	—	—	Captain Paronco	Nagasaki
Alexandrine	German cruiser	3200	—	—	Captain Schmeider	Yokohama
Alliance	U. S. gunboat	615	—	—	Captain H. C. Taylor	Yokohama
Aragoa	Spanish cruiser	1935	—	—	Captain A. Soler	On a cruise
Asie	French gunboat	470	4	4 H	Commander Journet	Shanghai
Chasseur	French dispatch-ressol	—	—	—	Captain Bogard	Saigon
Elis	German gunboat	439	—	—	Captain Ancher	Hankow
Incensant	French gunboat	800	—	—	Capt. de Jonquiere	Amoy

Kongō	Japanese cruiser	2240	—	—	Captain Hidaka	Yokohama
Koroyetz	Russian gunboat	1200	—	—	Captain Filisof	Shanghai
Leipzig	German cruiser	3800	—	—	Captain Rottger	Yokohama
Linan	French gunboat	455	+	435	Captain Neny	Tourne
Maidjour	Russian gun-vesel	13100	0	1300	Captain Kase	Shanghai
Mauroville	U. S. corvette	1930	0	1470	Comdr. A. C. Dyer	Shanghai
Maurice	U. S. sloop	1300	6	1470	Lieut. Arm. J. Johnson	Nagasaki

Onaka	U. S. corvette	8400	12	1180	Capt. Cromwell	Yokohama.
Falo	U. S. gunboat	437	6	60	Lieut. C. m. Gess	On a cruise
Pamiat Azova	Russian frigate	7000	—	—	Captain Lomen	Kochow.
Plancia	French gunboat	600	—	420	Lieut.-Commander Lepied	Haiphong
Ricina Cristina	Spanish cruiser	5000	—	—	Captain English	On a cruise
Reis Lira	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Captain J. B. Barbaix	Haiphong.
		911	1	1002	Commander Kahrstmidt	Haiphong.

Sophia	German cruiser	2100	—	—	Captain Herbig	Yokohama
Svalbard	corvette	—	—	—	Commander John McGowan	Kobe
Tej	Portuguese gunboat	500	3	100	Lieut. Osm. G. R. Caminha	Macao
Triomphante	French cruiser	4500	—	—	Capt. de Corvettier	Amoy
Villars	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Thomas	On a cruise
Viper	French gunboat	440	—	435	Commander Constella	Shanghai
Yukon	gunboat	340	—	—	Captain Revco	Amoy

Vladimir Monomakh	Russian ironclad	5000	—	Captain Donbassor	Foochow
Wolf	German gunboat	—	76	Captain Hellhoff	Shanghai

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